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Dear Hal:

I thought I'd send you some items before I go on a trip to Dallas so that you can look them over. I'll be attending the Lancer Dallas JFK conference which runs from Thursday, Nov. 20th through Sunday, Nov. 23rd. (My trip will be from Wed. Nov. 19 through Sunday evening, Nov. 23rd).

You'll note the "Compelling Evidence" book which I've enclosed, I've not read it completely but intend to do so before I go to Dallas. But from what I've glanced at it seems the author (Michael Griffith) is quite dependent on Harrison Livingstone's recent book "Killing Kennedy & the Hoax of the Century". Look at page 10 of Griffith's book & he makes such wild claims such as "recent research has produced evidence that frames were removed from the head-snap sequence in the Zapruder film" & "other indications of tampering" as discussed in Livingstone's book.

If this is what Griffith so early in the book relies on the rest of the book must be a hopeless disaster.

Then there is the brochure from "Laurel Publishing" on the book, "Bloody Treason" by Noel Twyman. Twyman also believes the Griffith thesis of Zapruder alteration &

he also will "corroborate author David Lifton's discovery that Kennedy's body was literally stolen from Air Force One & modified to conceal evidence!"

I've met Twyman & we had dinner once & I argued with him & said that I could not support the Z-film alteration (he never mentioned his belief about supporting Lifton's "evidence"). He told me to wait until I see his book which he said he was working on. Now, apparently, it's been completed and totals to 960 pages!! I ordered a copy & I'll send you relevant passages from Twyman's book which I think will be another disaster in the case.

I expect both Griffith and Twyman will be at the Lancer conference and Lancer will be going all out in support of the both of them. Add this to Dr. Mantik and Fetzer who last year vigorously upheld the Z-film thesis & the audience went bananas listening to them. When I got up in the audience & opposed both Mantik & Fetzer there were hisses & boos from the audience directed at me & not at Mantik or Fetzer (where it should have been directed).

I'm sure if Gary Aguilar would be present at the Lancer conference, he'd be somewhat in support of all these Lancer advocates but he won't be in Dallas as I understand it. I've learned that on November 22nd he'll be in San Francisco attending a JFK conference. Other speakers besides Aguilar will be Jim DiEugenio & Bill Turner.

The people who are organizing the Nov. 22nd

S.F. conference wanted me to speak also but I told them I'd be in Dallas then.

Incidentally the "Bloody Treasm" brochure + announcement I actually obtained from a book dealer friend of mine who said he got his notice in the mail. He knew of my interest in the case so he gave it to me. I asked him how did the publishing company get his name & address and he said he had no idea. I know that my friend has advertised in the ABA (a booksellers publication) & this might be the reason the announcement was sent to him. But what it demonstrates is an all-out effort to get a very wide distribution for the book. The book was manufactured by "Book Crafters" a company I've never heard of but the whole effort seems very expensive (Perhaps Twyman bankrolled a good part of the money involved for I gather from speaking with him that he is a man not hurting for money).

The other items I've enclosed are of interest taken from the press or from assassination magazines such as Lancer's or "Fourth Decade". The "Weekly World News" article about an alleged confession by a grassy knoll killer obviously goes into your "nut file" accumulation which by now is pretty large. I believe this "nut" article is grafted from the fellow I met in Antioch, California who produced evidence of one James Files. The Antioch "evidence" failed to convince me, Aguilar or one other person who heard it. I'm sure you know this Antioch person.

I wrote a letter to a local (S.F.) radio station (FM) offering to appear as a guest to talk solely on the ARRB. The moderator of the show has established himself as "very liberal". So far no letter from him, nor do I ever expect one. After my rather unfriendly reception at KSFO (owned by KGO) I thought I'd try but it seems there is no way any of these stations will touch the subject in any way whatsoever.

I may try KPFA which is supposed to be the "radical alternative" radio but they're slowly being eaten alive by corporate conglomerates (they deny this, of course). Many of the commentators who were KPFA fixtures are out of a job. I don't know what KPFA (Pacifica Foundation) affiliate in New York (WBAI) is doing but here the situation is pretty bad. There is protest by many former KPFA listeners but will it result in anything substantial? Only time will tell.

Well, I guess this is all the news I have for now. If I do get a radio spot I'll let you know. I do hope everything is going well for you.

Write when you get the chance.

Best,

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